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Secretary Maxfield Not Seeking Appointment to the U.S. Senate Seat

Cheyenne, Wyoming - Secretary of State Max Maxfield, issued a media release today stating that he is not seeking appointment to the U.S. Senate seat, left vacant by the death of U.S. Senator Craig Thomas.

“I am honored by the phone calls I have received from supporters who encouraged me to place my name in consideration by the Republican Party. I will not seek that position however because I recently made a commitment to serve as Wyoming’s Secretary of State. At the time I was sworn into office in January 2007, I told the public that being Secretary of State was a long time dream for me and that it was an honor for me to hold that office. I feel exactly the same way today, even though another opportunity has presented itself,” Maxfield said.

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“There are some projects underway at the Secretary of State’s Office which are important to me, and I am committed to them,” Maxfield said. “We just rolled out a new on-line business program which allows annual reports to be filed and paid for right on-line. I am now working with the Legislature to review Wyoming’s business laws; and of course we are diligently working to complete all aspects of the Help America Vote Act,” Maxfield said.

“Normally I would only put out a press release if I was going to do something, not decline to do something. However since my name has been carried by the press as a potential appointee, and because I have received many calls, I thought it best to formally inform the public that I am choosing to continue with my commitment to the office of Secretary of State,” Maxfield said. “I chose to wait until after the funeral to discuss the filling of the vacancy, out of respect for Craig, Susan and their family,” Maxfield concluded.